(b) if so; the details thereof and remedial steps proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) With the coming up of private operators Indian Airlines has lost a share of its market. There is no effect of private operators on Air India.

(b) Indian Airlines has estimated that it would have earned an additional revenue of Rs. 120 crores; Rs. 460 crores and Rs. 355.50 crores in 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (upto September, 1994) respectively; if there were no private operators. Indian Airlines is making all efforts to meet the competition from the private airlines by improving its services with particular emphasis on better in time performance and marketing.

Air India's efforts are mainly in the areas of:

(1) Fleet modernisation and net work expansion.

(2) Product upgradation.

(3) Providing access to interior points through hub and spoke operation; and

(4) Providing a global computerised reservation system in common with Indian Airlines.

इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की विमान सेवाओं का विस्तार

326. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार इंडियन एयर लाइंस की विमान सेवाओं का कुछ और देशों में विस्तार करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उससे कितनी आय होने का अनुमान है ।

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) और (ख) अन्य देशों को जाने वाली इंडियन एयरलाइंस की उड़ानों के विवरण के बारे में अभी तक कोई अंतिम निर्णय नहीं हुआ है ।

Investment for Tourism Development in Andhra Pradesh

327. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount invested by the India Tourism Development Corporation in its enterprises in Andhra Pradesh during each of the last three years and the locations of these enterprises;

(b) whether the Corporation has formulated new schemes for the development of its units in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No amount was invested by ITDC during the last three years on setting up tourism projects in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) ITDC's Annual Plans for 1994-95 and 1995-96 does not envisage any new scheme|provision for setting up tourism projects in Andhra Pradesh.

Programmes to boost Tourism in the country

328. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up some programme to boost tourism by giving proper encouragement and incentives;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes thereof;

(c) whether the programme is likely to bring in valuable foreign exchange earnings besides generating emplayment avenues for 10 millions people; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The development of tourism by encouraging private sector investment is a continuous process and a number of incentives are presently available for the same. These include tax incentives, interest subsidy, reduced customs duty on import of capital goods, capital subsidy to heritage hotels etc.

(c) and (d) Tourism is already one of the largest foreign exchange earners of the country apart from being employment generator The estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism during 1993-94 was Rs. 4573 crores The direct employment in the tourism sector during 1992-93 is estimated to be 6.96 million persons

Harassment of lady pilot

329. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lady pilot in Indian Airlines was harrased by the other male pilot for her refusal to have physical relation with a colleague male pilot;

(b) whether it is also a fact that IA male pilots have issued circular to Association members to bycott flights with the lady pilot in question; and

(c) what measures Government proposes to protect the lady pilots in the services?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

Concession on air fare

330. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that concession has been granted for the air fare on the selected routes; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the reasons for not granting concession on other routes;

(c) whether Government would allow the Air taxi operators to grant such concession; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have prevented Air taxi operators for introducing passengers comfart such as providing free drinks etc.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines has offered 25 per cent concession on return journey fares for a limited period on the following routes:—

(i) Bombay-Delhi-Bomboy or vice versa (valid from 1-8-94 to 31-10-94).

(ii) Bombay - Bangalore - Bombay or vice versa (valid from 1.8.94 to 31.10.94).

(iii) Bombay - Calcutta - Bombay or vice versa (valid from 1.8.94 to 31.12.94).